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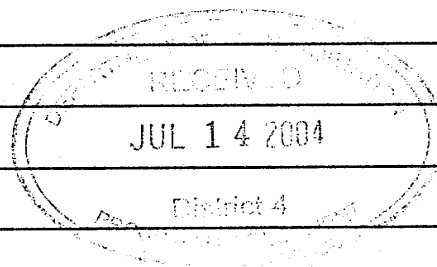
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1.) Improving access north via IL Rt. 29 makes sense to tie into existing highways, i.e., Rt. 6 and 180.

2.) The Rome West Road alternative seems the most logical and to have less impact to homes. It should also help with traffic, as I could understand your drawings with the spur through/around Rome houses to Rt. 29 (now). The Rome West Interchange is more centrally located, too, and doesn't seem to impact as much farmland as the McGrath-Sullivan one. We vote for the Rome West Interchange.



Name: Sherry Sander & Bill Stolle
Affiliation: Landowner with brother
Address: 24643 Spring Creek Rd.
Washington, IL 61571

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I want to attend your deer training. If it was done on routes 6 already, it is a failure.

Things You have not considered

1. Gas lines Rome West
2. American Water Rome West
3. Hiring us a road ^{need} for Old Wayne Rd. - give them what they want no caring for the corner of Krause & Rome West -
4. 6900 line

We will get Corridor A done, to start up again.

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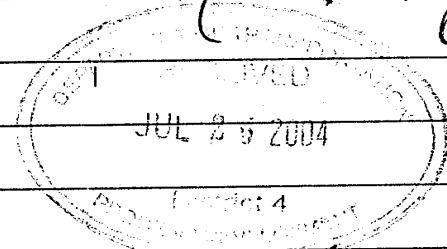
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You want to make Chilli
a true ghost town.

Things have not changed since No Way Corridor A. Out of 55 business only 2 wanted your road.

Illinois Route 6 + 180 Project

No Road Needed
Puts Neighbor against Neighbor
Maybe We Need A Good Levy



Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Nancy Schmidt
The Tin Cupboard - Chillicothe

3715 Rome West Rd

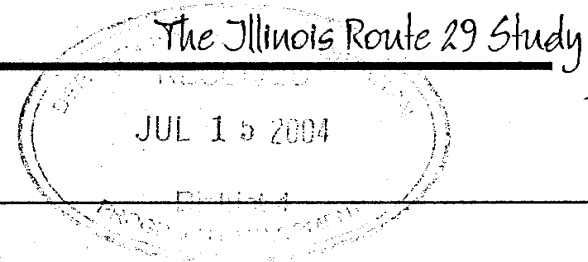
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We feel that all proposed routes are needless. Money should be spent on putting a bridge in to connect with the 4 lane that goes to Interstate 39.

Name:

Brian and Patrice Schaub

Affiliation:

Address:

22119 N. Boehle HW
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Comments by Senackwine Township Board:

Material presented at the Henry-Senackwine meeting indicates planned routing through Putnam. Our Board is concerned that the proposed "controlled access" boundary will limit accessibility to our township garage. Relocation of the boundary to a similar distance illustrated in other parts of Putnam will provide adequate access.

George Wheeler - Trustee

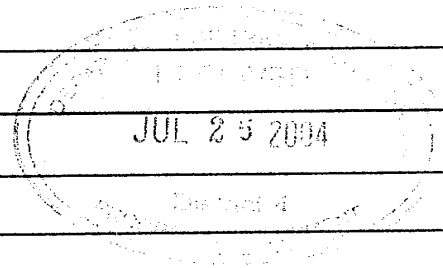
Don A. Workman - Trustee

Michael J. Loper - Trustee

Michael J. Miller - Supervisor

Wallace Freague - R.D. Comm.

Rhonda Lowney - Senackwine Township Clerk



Name: Senackwine Township

Affiliation:

Address: 404 High Street P.O. Box 7
Putnam, IL 61560-0007

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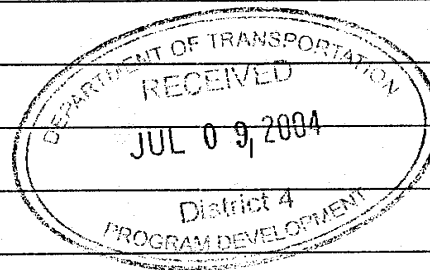
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My first comment on the Route 29 Study is — the idea or plan of ANY NEW ROAD BE ELIMINATED.

IF THE PEOPLE IN POWER FORCE A NEW ROAD ON THE TAX-PAYERS — THEN CONTINUE ROUTE 6 ACROSS THE RIVER AT MOSSVILLE AND RT 29.

My second comment is ABOUT THE C-2 PROPOSAL ALONG THE WEST BLUFF of HOPEWELL. THAT WOULD PUT A ROAD IN MY BACKYARD. I WOULD HAVE TO RELOCATE ALONG WITH MY NEIGHBORS.

PLEASE ELIMINATE C-2 FOR SURE.



Name:

DAVID SHARP

Affiliation:

Address: 559 N. BLACKFOOT DR.

SPARLAND

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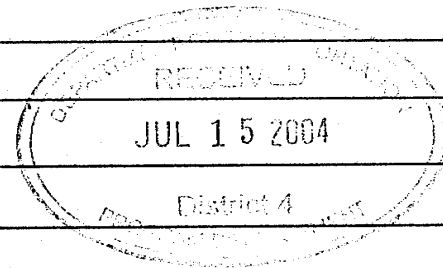
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You have Right away on
RT 29 use it! Dont
tear up good Farm ground
for a road that few will
use. Quit wasting Tax money
on these Fallies for Palatka.



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Affiliation:

Address:

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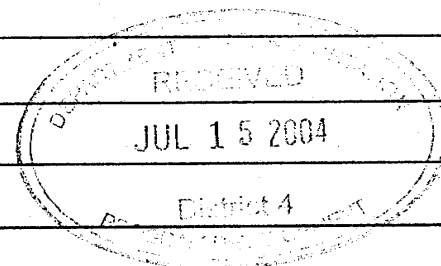
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I do not support
any alignment on top
of the bluff - it takes
too much farmland and
comes too close to our
family farm.

If it has to be done,
following Rt. 29
as much as possible
is the lesser evil.



Name: Maureen Shepard
Affiliation: family farm owner
Address: 5922 E. Shepard Rd

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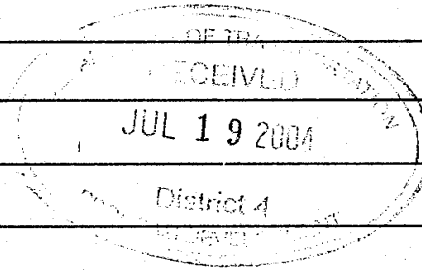
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I am requesting a copy of Drawing S-6C South Section Cedar Hills Drive CH28.

Please send to: Allen F. Shute

2523 Silver Leaf Street

Chillicothe, IL 61523



Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

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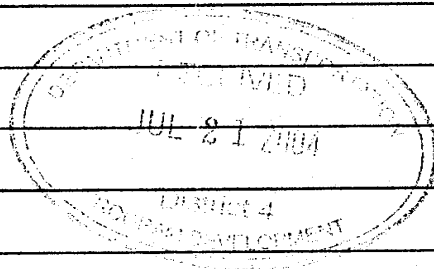
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I would suggest using the S-6B, S-4, C-2, H-4, and N-2 of the proposed layouts. It is the best that can be expected.

Let's get on with building the Route 6 extension to Route 180. It is desperately needed for safety and economic development of northern Peoria County and adjacent counties.



Name:

Amy Soldat

Affiliation:

Address:

1605 Sandstone Ct
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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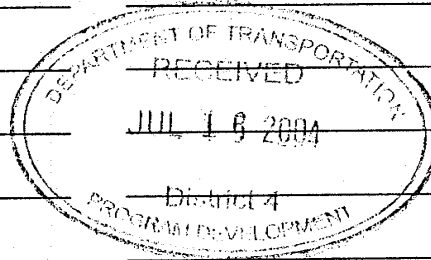
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I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COPIES OF THE FOUR (4) ALTERNATES
THAT EFFECT MY PROPERTY AND THE IMMEDIATE AREA.
JUST NORTH OF CHILLICOTHE.



Name: SOUTHPORT DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Affiliation: BILL WAIBEL

Address: 11219 RHONDA WAY

DUNNAP IL 61525

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MAJOR ROAD SYSTEMS ARE USUALLY CREATED TO PROVIDE IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN LARGE POPULATIONS AND SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH ALONG THAT CORRIDOR. I DO NOT SEE THE RT 29 UPGRADE/BYPASS DOING EITHER. THE ROAD EMANATES FROM PEORIA BUT TERMINATES IN A PREDOMINANTLY RURAL SECTION OF I-80. TRAVELERS WILL CONTINUE TO USE 74, 55 & 39 TO TRAVEL TO/FROM PEORIA. THE DAILY COMMUTE BETWEEN HENRY, LACON/SPARLAND CHILLICOTHE, AND PEORIA DOES NOT SUFFER FROM MAJOR CONGESTION AND DOES NOT WARRANT THE SPENDING OF \$500 MILLION+ TO ALLEVIATE WHAT LITTLE THERE IS.

I GREW UP IN THE WASHINGTON D.C. METRO AREA AND TRAVEL FREQUENTLY IN MAJOR CITIES AROUND THE UNITED STATES. WITH THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE ABOUT THE PEORIA REGION, THE RT 29 CORRIDOR WILL NOT SEE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON PAR WITH ANY OF THESE CITIES FOR YEARS TO COME.

I SEE THIS PROJECT AS A HUGE WASTE OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS. THE PAYBACK FOR \$500 MILLION+ SPENT WILL NOT MATERIALIZE DURING MY, OR MY CHILDRENS LIFETIME. THE MONEY IS BETTER SPENT WHERE A PAYBACK IS REALIZED WITHIN ONE OR TWO DECADES. IF THE MONEY IS SPENT IN THIS REGION THEN THE RT 6 BRIDGE IS THE PLACE TO GO, AND NOT ON THE RT 29 CORRIDOR. THIS WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ABOUT NORTH PEORIA AND OPEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WOODFORD COUNTY.

Name: GARY SPADIN

Affiliation:

Address: 3628 WESTBROOK RD
CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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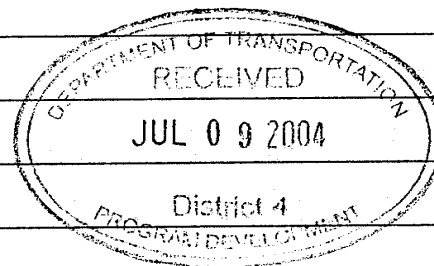
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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BUILDING A
BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER AT
MOSSVILLE AND CONTINUING ROUTE 6
TO 39 THIS WAY?

PEOPLE ON ROUTE 29 BETWEEN
CHILLICOTHE AND HENRY ALREADY DRIVE
65-70 MPH AND HIGHER. THERE
ARE NEVER ANY POLICE TO STOP
THESE SPEEDERS. IF 29 IS
WIDENED, HOW FAST WOULD PEOPLE
THEN DRIVE?

LEAVE ROUTE 29 THE WAY IT IS!

IF PEOPLE NEED TO GET TO
CHICAGO THAT FAST, TELL THEM TO
FLY!



Name: MICHAEL STARNES

Affiliation:

Address: 118 RUNNING EIK CT.
SPARLAND, IL 61565

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Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Congressman Ray LaHood
44th District Senator William Brady
46th District Senator George Shadid
47th District Senator Carl Hawkinson
45th District Senator Claude Stone
87th District Representative Dan Rutherford
93rd District Representative David Leitch
91st District Representative Mike Smith
92nd District Representative Ricca Stone
89th District Representative Keith Sommer

Dear Congressmen and Congresswoman,

We, the undersigned elected members of the Steuben Township Board, want to express our concern regarding the Rt. 29 expressway to Interstate 80. It was announced that Rt. 29 would be widened. Our concern comes from the fact that much work, geographical, geological, etc., has been done on the bluff, in Steuben Township. A new 4-lane interstate type road built on the bluff away from the existing Rt. 29 alignment would cause the citizens of Steuben Township great hardship. Steuben Township stands to lose much tax revenue, it would make access to farms more difficult, and displace families just to name a few of the hardships.

Steuben Township Board

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Mark Monier, Supervisor

Ron Gehrig

Ron Gehrig, Clerk

Dave Kenyon

Dave Kenyon, Trustee

Ray Price

Ray Price, Trustee

John Moreland

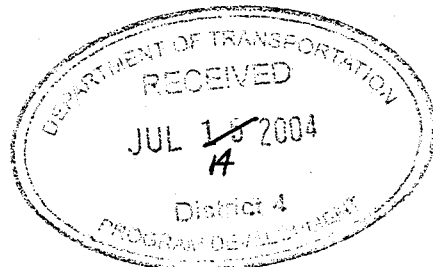
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Rodney Monier

Rodney Monier, Trustee

Randy Salisbury

Randy Salisbury, Trustee



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I HAVE A ACCESS ROAD ON
THE EAST SIDE OF MY PROPERTY
30 FEET WIDE, THAT IS NOT
SHOWN ON YOUR MAPS, THAT GIVES
ME ACCESS TO MY FARM GROUND
FOR MACHINERY WHICH I MUST
HAVE TO GET TO THE BACK
OF MY LAND.

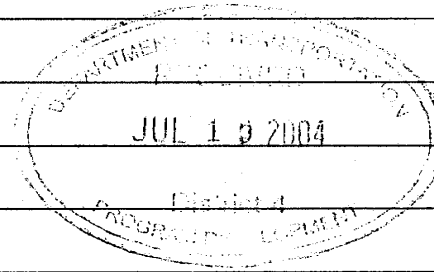
MOVING THIS OVERPASS ROAD
50 FEET TO THE NORTH
WOULD STOP THE DISRUPTION
OF THE HOMES ON THIS ROAD

ALSO

THE WELLS ARE IN THE
FRONT OF THESE HOMES.
MY WELL IS 33 FEET
FROM THE EXISTING ROAD.

VIRGIL D. SWANSON
4110 E CLOVERDALE RD.
CHILLICOTHE IL 61523-9585

Virgil D. Swanson



Name: VIRGIL D. SWANSON

Affiliation:

Address: 4110 E. CLOVERDALE RD

CHILLICOTHE ILL. 61523-9585

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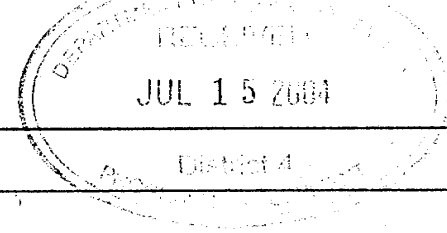
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I feel This plan is
disruptive to many
foragers and in Addition
I feel strongly That
This Road plan should
be cancelled
I drive route 29
every week and there
is no need for 4 lanes.

Name: B. T. Tyn

Affiliation: _____

Address: 132 E. Massville Rd
Perini

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I FAVOR ALTERNATIVE
S-6C IN THE
SOUTHERN SECTION.

IT IS FURTHER FROM
THE WOODED BUFFER
AND WOULD HAVE
LESS IMPACT ON
FRAGILE WILDLIFE
HABITATS.

I WOULD HOPE IN
GENERAL THAT CONSTRUCTION
& DESIGN ISSUES WOULD
CONSIDER MINIMIZING
NOISE & LIGHT
POLLUTION OF ADJACENT
AREAS.

Name:

BRUCE THIESSMANN

Affiliation:

LAND OWNER / E. ILLINOIS RAILROAD

Address:

#622, 416 MAIN ST.

PEORIA, IL 61602

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THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 6 TO INTERSTATE 180 WILL SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES THAT ARE BEING KILLED EVERY YEAR ON ROUTE 29, NOT TO MENTION THE LOSS OF PROPERTY. DO A STUDY TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS ALONE FROM RTE 6/RTE 29 INTERSECTION TO RTE 29/RTE 17 IN SPARLAND.

IN ADDITION, THIS RTE 6 CONTINUATION AROUND CHILlicothe WILL BRING ECONOMIC GROWTH TO THE COMMUNITY, NOT HURT IT. THIS IS PROVED WHEN THIS HAS HAPPENED TO OTHER COMMUNITIES, IE: MORTON & BLOOMINGTON JUST TO NAME A COUPLE. THE ARGUMENT THAT IT WILL HURT THE LOCAL ECONOMY HAS NO BASIS IN EXAMPLE OR PROOF.

FURTHERMORE, THOSE WHO ARGUE THE COST SHOULD THINK AHEAD. THIS ROAD IS NEEDED NOW AND WILL BE NEEDED MORE AS EACH YEAR PASSES. THE COSTS WILL NOT DECREASE EACH YEAR, ONLY INCREASE. AND IF THESE DOLLARS ARE NOT SPENT ON THIS PROJECT, THE STATE WILL ONLY FIND

OTHER LOCATIONS IN WHICH TO BUILD ROADS AND THOSE LOCATIONS WILL NOT BE HERE WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST.

IN SUMMARY:

1. THIS NEW ROUTE WILL SAVE LIVES.

2. IT WILL IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC

IMPACT UPON THOSE COMMUNITIES IT

WILL BYPASS. CERTAINLY A BYPASS ON

THE EAST SIDE OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER

WILL DEFINITELY HURT THE ECONOMY

ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER MORE

THAN ANYTHING.

3. DOLLARS SPENT HERE ARE BETTER THAN

THOSE SAME DOLLARS SPENT ELSEWHERE

LIKE CHICAGO.

Name: COLLEEN TIMMERMANN

Affiliation:

Address: 5603 CREWS AVE

CHILlicothe, IL 61523

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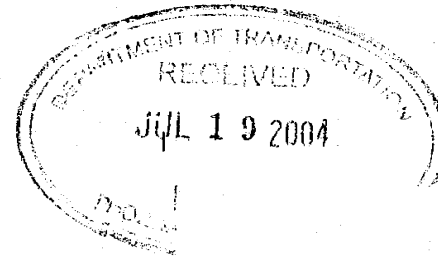
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Lets get on with building the Route 6 extension to route I-180 it is desperately needed for safety & economic development of northern Peoria County and adjacent Counties.

Frank Timmermann
5603 E. Crews Ave.
Chillicothe, IL 61523



Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

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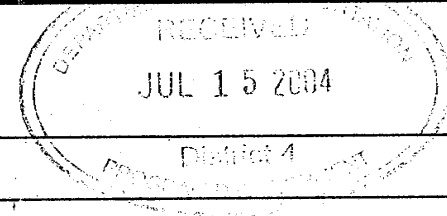
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SB6 - S4 - C2 - H4 - N2

Good Work

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Name:

John Tasset

Affiliation:

Stakeholder/Tax payer

Address:

12923 Cant Street

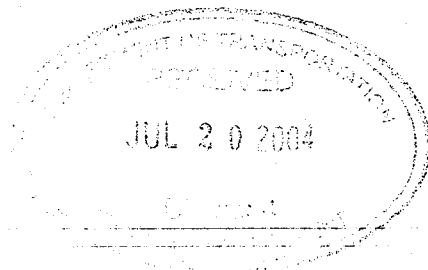
Havana City, IL 61536


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My wife and I attended your public meeting at Three Sisters Park 7/15/04. It was my understanding that the reason for re-routing Route 29 was to secure an efficient 65-mph 4-lane highway to facilitate travel and commerce between Peoria and Chicago. The property owners, cities, and villages along the route should be given proper consideration, but creating a snaking-type road with less than 65-mph speed limits will defeat the basic purpose of the highway to efficiently move traffic. Excessive changes in the highway's route left and right should be limited. If IDOT is not going to build a 65-mph road upon which traffic could move efficiently, they should eliminate this plan and simply upgrade the current Route 29.




F.R. [Signature]
7/19/04

For IDOT

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I ENJOYED ATTENDING THE MEETING. I THOUGHT THE PRESENTATION WAS VERY WELL DONE AND VERY INFORMATIVE.

IN THE SOUTH SECTION, I PREFER S6B TO S6C FOR SEVERAL REASONS. IT APPEARS TO BE A SHORTER, MORE DIRECT ROUTE, IT REQUIRES LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY, IT HAS A LESSEER IMPACT ON FARMLAND AND IT CAUSES FEWER RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENTS. ALSO CONCERNING THE SOUTH SECTION, I WAS GLAD TO SEE S-4 CHOSEN OVER S-5 BECAUSE IT IS FARTHER FROM THE CITY OF CHILLICOTHE AND WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE CITY.

IN THE CENTRAL SECTION, I STILL PREFER C-2 OVER C-3 AND C-3A FOR SEVERAL REASONS. IT WOULD BYPASS HOPEWELL AND SPARLAND, IT WOULD CAUSE A LOT FEWER COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENTS AND IT WOULD COST 40 TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS LESS TO BUILD. IT WOULD ALSO LEAVE EXISTING ROUTE 29 AS IT IS WHICH, I FEEL, WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT

FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN CHILLICOTHE, HOPEWELL AND SPARLAND. THE ONLY REAL DISADVANTAGE THAT I CAN SEE IS THAT IT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON FARMLAND WHICH, I FEEL, IS MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED.

CONCERNING THE NORTH SECTION, I AM NOT FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THAT AREA TO FORM ANY MEANINGFUL OPINIONS OF THE ROUTE THAT WAS CHOSEN THERE.

I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY OPINIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE MEETINGS.

Name: MAX E. TRUMBOLD

Affiliation: NONE

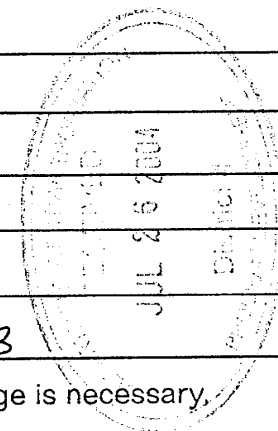
Address: 822 N. 44TH STREET

CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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I See IDOT is still going with the S-4 route around the West side of Chillicothe. The S-4 route is only a 1/2 mile from the existing City limits. A 1/2 mile area is not much when you consider that West is the only direction Chillicothe can grow. IDOT is doing studies on the impact on mammals, birds, amphibians & reptiles, plants, & fish & mussels in the project area. What about the impact on people? The homeowners on West Cloverdale Road are against the proposed highway. Two of us homeowners will be losing our homes plus farm ground. All the cost & hardship so someone can get to Chicago Twenty minutes sooner.

I believe existing Route 29 could be modified to meet the needs of greater traffic flow. Eliminate the two lane railroad overpass north of Chillicothe. Make it a four lane north of town. Greatly limit access roads with a minimum of stop and go lights. Take in consideration fire truck & rescue vehicle

routes.

The use of existing Route 29 would take less good farm ground out of production. Good farm ground we will someday need to feed our increasing population. I am sure the cost to us taxpayers would be considerable less also.

Name: John C. Wagner

Affiliation:

Address: 4210 Cloverdale Road

Chillicothe, IL 61523

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This comment is about the proposed Cloverdale Road Overpass. If this is constructed as planned, it will cause the destruction of four expensive homes on the south side of the road. Besides taking my home of forty-seven years, it will cause my forty acres of farm land to become landlocked. I.D.O.T. could save the cost of four homes plus the elimination of displacing four families if they moved Cloverdale Road and the overpass to the North of existing road. There are no houses on the north side of the road from West Clover Sub-division to Krause Road, just open farm ground. The curve in Cloverdale Road could be eliminated with a slight movement to the north. The existing road in front of the four homes could be left as a frontage road and dead ended at the last east house. The existing road could be kept to Krause road thus serving seven existing homes or be connected anytime west of the new overpass.

Another alternative to save the cost of these four homes, the landlocked farm ground and the cost of more farm ground would be to make the new highway pass over Cloverdale Road. Leaving Cloverdale Road as is.

Verizon has buried fiber optic cable on the south side of Cloverdale Road and Ameren Cilco has a gas line main on the North side of the road that runs to the Timberwalk Sub-division.

As this is a grave concern for our families, I would appreciate a timely reply to this problem.

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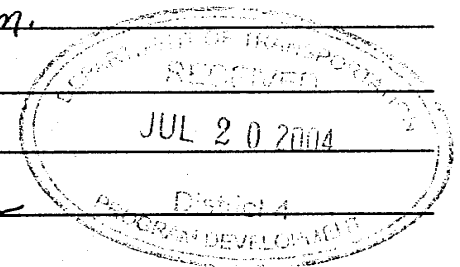
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After attending the July 14th meeting in Henry, we are very happy to see that much of the planned highway would follow the existing route 29.

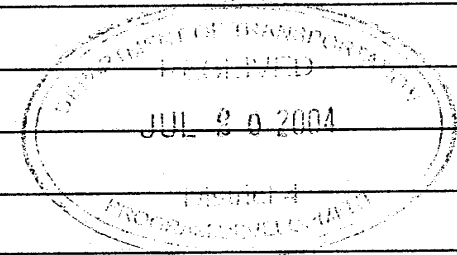
We are happy with the way the road would go west of Henry.

We would not like to see the road built over the bluff at the Camp Grove Road because too many acres of valuable farm land would be consumed.

At Sparland, it would be better if the railroad tracks could be moved to the east to make room for the road through town with minimal loss of buildings. This would also allow Rt 17 to be aligned "straight" with the bridges.

With an interchange at Rt. 17 this would remove the present stop sign on Rt. 29. Move Thinius Street entrance to the North through State property and close the present entrance.

These ideas may cost more but make more sense for the future.



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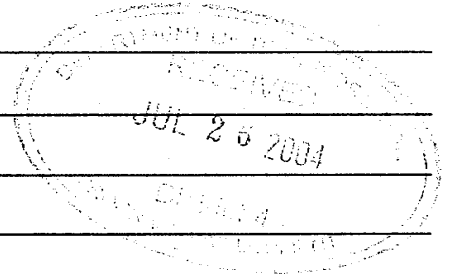
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I am not convinced this road is the best value for our road dollar. Before the project is completed it may well cost \$800-900 million. In talking to dozens & dozens of people from Henry, Mason, Spaulding, Champaign, & people that live in the country, I find very little support for a road on rt. 29 and especially a road that strays from rt. 29 to the bluff areas for these reasons: cost, number of people that will use the road & it's cost, loss of valuable farm land if built on the bluff (C-2), negative environmental impact (C-2), burden placed on local travel - school buses, emergency vehicles, field access for farm implements, fire trucks, etc. (C-2). In closing, I urge you to, if the road must be built, keep it on rt. 29 & away from the bluffs.



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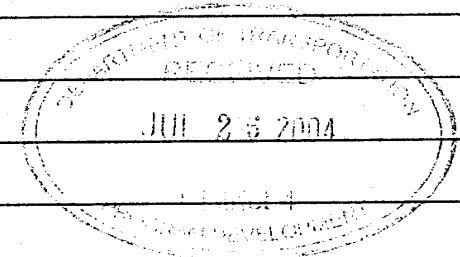
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I strongly oppose the Bluff Alignment (Alt C-2). I live and work in the Cahillcothe area and the majority of people I talk to regarding this issue do not understand the need to have a road on the bluff.

I have several concerns such as the loss of tax revenue when farm land is taken for the road and

the impact of re-routing school buses, emergency vehicles and farm equipment.

Again - I strongly oppose the Bluff Alignment (Alt C-2).



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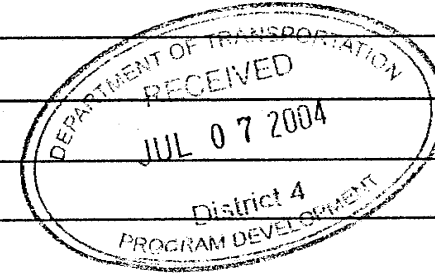
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Do not want Bluff
Alignment!

Prefer Alignment H or 2
then Springfield.



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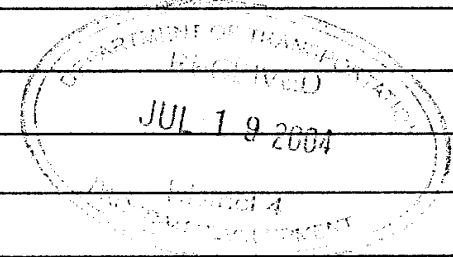
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ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE PROPERTY ON OR NEAR THE MANY PROPOSED RT 29 RIGHTS OF WAY, I FEEL I MUST ASK FOR JUSTIFICATION TO IMPROVE THE HIGHWAY TO INTER STATE LEVEL. PRESENTLY, RT 29 CARRIES MOSTLY LOCAL TRAFFIC WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY AND IMPROVEMENTS AS PROPOSED WILL REDUCE COMMUTE TIME SLIGHTLY AT BEST. AN IN-DEPTH TRAFFIC STUDY WILL SHOW A BELT WAY COMPLETION CONNECTING RT 6 AT MOSSVILLE EASTWARD TO THE MORTON I 474 INTERCHANGE IS STILL THE ANSWER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE NORTH PERRIA COUNTY AREA.

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED RT 29 UPGRADE AT THIS TIME AND THINK THE MONEY FOR THE "FIELD OF DREAMS" IMPROVEMENTS TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO ENTICE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IS WASTED HERE.

THE ORIGINAL REASON FOR THE RT 29 IMPROVEMENTS WAS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW TO CHICAGO; THIS OBVIOUSLY IS BEING DOWNPLAYED AS WE ALL KNOW RT 29 WITH OR WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT DOESN'T ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.



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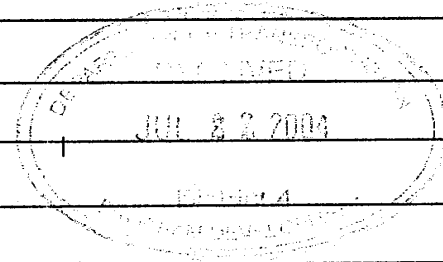
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Our area needs a "Ring Road" in order to access the areas of growth in this community. We wouldn't have the construction nightmare we have now if we had an alternate Route to the north (Ring Road). Another route to look at would be straight east Route 6 across the River straight to Rt 39. Please keep in mind that we in the Peoria area are here to support the Peoria area, not Chicago. I can't understand why we need a road to Chicago!! Why get people to Chicago when we should be trying to keep them here. I can't justify spending \$400 to \$500 million on a highway to save 10 min. Meanwhile we are cancelling High School sports, after school activities and other school programs for our kids.



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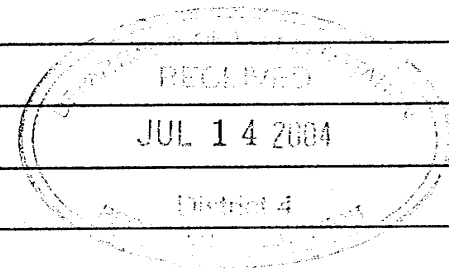
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I do not understand why you are using tax payers money for this new road when you have room to have a 4 lane road from Peoria to interstate 80 using Rt. 29. You are taking to many homes and farm lands. This makes a hardship for the people of Henry, Sperland, schools, etc. Please think things out before you do some thing like this



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IL Route 29 Study
Illinois Department of Transportation – District 4
Summary of Comments Received
July 2004 Public Information Meetings

The project's second open-house public information meetings were held on July 14th and 15th, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The July 14th meeting was held in Henry at Henry-Senachwine High School and was attended by approximately 176 people. Approximately 408 attended the meeting on July 15th at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe. The purpose of the public information meetings was to provide project-area residents with the general status of the project, obtain public input on the range of alternatives currently under consideration as well as those removed from further consideration, and offer a forum for people to ask questions.

The same information was presented at both meetings, including alignments to be carried forward for additional study, alignments to be eliminated from consideration, typical sections, a project newsletter and meeting handout. Comment forms were available for those who wanted to leave comments at the meeting. Project staff from IDOT and CH2M HILL were available to answer questions and discuss the project alternatives.

A summary of the written comments received during and after the July 14th and 15th meetings is found on the following pages. The comments were placed in categories developed by the project team to assist in understanding the public's reaction to the project. Most comments at both meetings concerned either a specific alternative or the project in general. The "Miscellaneous" category was added to accommodate comments that did not fit well in other categories. Fewer comments were received at this set of meetings about the project's purpose being to provide a more efficient route between Peoria and Chicago than were received at the first public information meeting.

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Summary of Written Comments
July 14th and 15th, 2004 Public Information Meeting

PREFERENCE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	NUMBER of COMMENTS
SUPPORTS IL 29 PROJECT IN GENERAL	Generally supports project	9 (Bureau County Highway Dept.)
	Need an efficient, safe connection between Route 6 and I-180	3
	Would boost local economies (including Chillicothe) and open up central Illinois to the Chicago market/ increase economic diversity/serve Peoria better	7
	Long overdue	7
	Cost not enough of a deterrent	2
	Need 4-lane, 65 mph, limited access facility	3 (Peoria Area Chamber)
SUPPORTS ON IL 29 ALTERNATIVE	Would improve economic vitality in project area, incl. Princeton	1
	Would save land	2
	Would minimize impact to farmland	1
	If the project proceeds, supports improving existing IL 29	9
	Generally supports improvements on IL 29	4
SUPPORTS CHILLICOTHE BYPASS	Generally supports Chillicothe Bypass	2
	Would spur growth in Chillicothe	1
SUPPORTS S-6B	Generally supports S-6B	7
	More logical, less ROW/ farmland needed/ fewer displacements	3
	If project must occur.	6
	Farther from residences on Wayne Road.	1
SUPPORTS S-6B/ROME WEST ROAD INTERCHANGE	Generally supports S-6B/Rome West Road Interchange	2
	Provide adequate access to Chillicothe	1
	Most practical, fewer displacements	1
SUPPORTS S-6B/MCGRATH INTERCHANGE	Farther from developed areas	1
	If project must occur.	1
SUPPORTS S-6C	Generally supports S-6C	1
	Would cause least disruption to agriculture, enhance commerce	1
	Most viable for Chillicothe	1
	Would be farther from bluff	1
	If project must occur.	2
	Would displace more homes.	1
SUPPORTS S-6C/ROME WEST RD INTERCHANGE	Generally supports S-6B/Rome West Road Interchange	1
SUPPORTS ROME WEST ROAD INTERCHANGE	Generally supports Rome West Road Interchange	1
	Would impact fewer homes, would help with traffic, is more centrally located, and would impact less farmland	1
SUPPORTS MCGRATH INTERCHANGE	Supports either alignment with McGrath Interchange	1
SUPPORTS CHILLICOTHE INTERCHANGE 2	Generally supports Chillicothe Interchange 2	1
	Would eliminate dangerous turning movement onto IL29 from NB IL29	1

Table 1 (continued)
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PREFERENCE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	NUMBER of COMMENTS
SUPPORTS BLUFF ALTERNATIVE AT HOPEWELL AND SPARLAND (C-2)	Would be less expensive	3
	Would impact fewer houses than C-3/ Would minimize impact to residences, including those with wells	3
	Would minimize impacts to the Illinois River	1
	Would minimize environmental impacts (Illinois River, wetlands, plant and animals)	2
	Would avoid erosion of the hill and provide more space and stable ground on which to build	1
	More could be accomplished and future improvements could more easily be made	1
	Would improve traffic	1
	Existing IL29 makes a nice scenic drive with the recreational areas	1
	Generally supports C-2	7
	Would impact fewer commercial properties	1
	Would enable existing IL29 to be used just for local traffic	1
SUPPORTS THROUGH SPARLAND	Would improve Rt. 17	1
SUPPORTS SPARLAND INTERCHANGE 2	Generally supports Sparland Interchange #2	1
SUPPORTS SPARLAND INTERCHANGE 4	Generally supports Sparland Interchange #4	2
OPPOSES IL 29 PROJECT IN GENERAL	Would impact homeowners/landowners	4
	Would impact wildlife/wildlife areas/sensitive bluff areas	5
	Do not want to focus tax dollars on this project/does not believe state has funds to build project/not cost effective/too costly	22
	Increase in traffic would cause decrease in safety	1
	Not convinced a traffic need exists	13
	Unnecessary	15
	Would impact Miller-Anderson Woods State Nature Preserve, Senachwine Wetlands, Marshall County Fish and Wildlife Area, Peoria Park District's Audubon Preserve, Singing Woods Preserve, and Camp Wakonda	2 (Marshall-Putnam SWCD)
	Would cause erosion	2
	Would increase traffic and safety issues	3
	Would impact farmland, including properties with Prime Farmland, Agricultural Protection Areas, Conservation Reserve Program, and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	10
	Would cause deterioration in peacefulness of corridor/increase noise and create urban sprawl	10
	Suggest building the ring road instead	24
	Would increase air pollution	2
	IL 29 currently is a very scenic drive; expansion would impair the beauty of the drive	1
	Not worth saving a few minutes to travel between south and north	2
	Not convinced of the economic benefits project is intended to spur	5

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PREFERENCE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	NUMBER of COMMENTS
OPPOSES IL 29 PROJECT IN GENERAL (continued)	Not convinced this is the best way to increase safety on the roads	1
	Should revisit Peoria to Chicago highway; proposed project does not provide a connection between the two cities	1 (City of East Peoria mayor)
	Generally opposes project	1
	Would introduce drainage problems	1
	Suggests considering road up on bluff where bike trail was put in	1
	Should focus on a high-speed rail system	1
	Not worth the impacts	1
	Would impact Peoria Lakes project	1
	Would impact local economies/businesses	8
	Does not go through towns as originally promised	1
	Would impact endangered species	2
	Should focus on upgrading existing roads	4
	Would not be used by citizens outside project corridor	2
OPPOSES CHILLICOTHE BYPASS	Would increase noise	1
	Would not give Chillicothe an economic boost	1
	Would reduce property value	1
	Generally opposes Chillicothe Bypass	1
	Would impact access to/noise at Camp Wokanda; would impact the use of the Audubon Wildlife Area for wetland refuge for shorebirds; would increase noise at Singing Woods Nature Preserve and Audubon Wildlife Area	1 (Peoria Park District)
	Would increase air pollution and impact wildlife habitat	1
	Does not believe state has funds to spend on it	1
OPPOSES S-6C	Generally opposes S-6C	1
OPPOSES BLUFF ALIGNMENT AT HOPEWELL AND SPARLAND (C-2)	Would impact sensitive bluff areas	1
	Would not help local communities/adversely impact economies of Sparland and Lacon	1
	Would have higher environmental impacts	1
	Would run through Midland School District and would diminish tax revenue base	1
	Would cause adverse travel for emergency vehicles, school buses and farm equipment	2
	Would impact farmland, including CRP land/remove farmland from tax base	8
	Would impact Steuben Township tax revenue	1 (Steuben Township Bd.)
	Would not be utilized by those living in Lacon	1
	Would require more maintenance by IDOT including upkeep of an additional roadway and maintenance of two bridges	4
	Would cause deterioration in peacefulness of corridor	1
	Generally opposes bluff alignment	2
	Unnecessary	1
	Would impact an agricultural preservation district	1
	Would impact forested lands	1
	Would require more fuel to burn to get up bluff	1

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OPPOSES ON IL 29 ALTERNATIVE	Would not provide the room for necessary improvements to make project worthwhile (would like new roadway to be an interstate)	1
OPPOSES THROUGH SPARLAND (C-3)	Would displace too many homes	1
OPPOSES SPARLAND INTERCHANGE 2	Would displace too many homes	2
OPPOSES HENRY BYPASS	Would adversely impact Henry's economy	1
	Would impact horse farm	2
	Not convinced of economic benefit to Henry	2
OPPOSE IMPROVEMENTS ON NEW ALIGNMENT	Would adversely impact economy in smaller towns on IL 29	2
	Would create adverse travel	1
	Would not benefit local economies	1
	Would impact farmland	4
	Would be too costly	2
	Would increase noise	1
	Would introduce drainage problems	1
	Would impact homes	1
	Not enough of a traffic need	1
	Would increase number of roads to take care of	3
IDENTIFY PROJECT AS "PEORIA-TO-CHICAGO HIGHWAY"	Unnecessary to save time traveling from Peoria to Chicago	6
	Not worth impacting smaller towns along IL 29	2
	Would not be direct enough to be worthwhile	9
	Would not be cost effective	3 (HOI Sierra Club)
	Suggest building ring road/ Believe a ring road over the river near Mossville would benefit the surrounding communities more.	7
	Unnecessary	5
	Money would be better served elsewhere	9
	Would impact homeowners	1
	Would be too costly	2
	Would impact wildlife habitat	6 (HOI Sierra Club)
	Would introduce erosion problems	1 (HOI Sierra Club)
	Not convinced of the economic benefits of a new highway	6
	Would impact farmland	5
	Minimize access points; consider emergency vehicle routes	1
	Suggests widening Chillicothe viaduct to 4 lanes	1
	Suggests considering a route between Peoria and Galesburg	1
	Would increase noise at Root Cemetery	1
	Would impact tranquility of country life and increase urban sprawl	3 (HOI Sierra Club)
	Does not go through towns as originally promised	2
	Would impact Senachwine Creek Watershed	1
	Would increase bus route distances	1
	Would impact wetlands	2

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IDENTIFY PROJECT AS "PEORIA-TO-CHICAGO HIGHWAY" (continued)	Would impact wildlife areas	1
	Would cause runoff and sedimentation into the Illinois River	1
	Would impact Illinois River bluff	1
	Not enough access points to east side of the river	1
	Believes money should be spent on upgrading existing roads	2
	Does not believe state has sufficient funds to build project	2
	Feel voters in Marshall & Putnam Counties are not being counted	1
	Would promote urban sprawl	3
	Not convinced a traffic need exists	2
	Too close to homes	1
	Would impact wetlands and forest preserves	1
	Would make Chillicothe a ghost town	2
MISCELLANEOUS	Unsure of project's purpose and need	2
	Unclear about land acquisition and restitution process and how it applies to individual land owners	3
	Suggest upgrading Western Avenue in Henry to IL 18 status so IL 18 extends to IL 40	2
	Suggests widening IL 29 from I-180 to Kentville Road/improving intersection to better accommodate truck traffic	1
	Suggest either moving alignment further away from Galena Knolls or putting up noise barrier	1
	Interested in noise abatement possibilities	2
	Requests information on how emergency vehicles would access Lake Thunderbird after improvements are completed	1 (Lake Thunderbird Association)
	Has a split profile through central section on existing IL 29 been studied to avoid building into the bluff	1
	Questions whether the ring road has been studied	1
	Requests meeting with Sparland (in addition to the mayor)	1
	Concerned about traffic coming off of McGrath connection to Chillicothe and into the subdivision	1
	Views Knox Avenue improvements as safer	1
	Suggests repairing existing IL 29	1
	Requests two copies of the ½-mile stretch north of Putnam that shows the Winship property	1
	Suggests just providing an overpass at Cloverdale & leaving it as is or cul-de-sacing Cloverdale on either side of the proposed IL29	1
	Emphasizes need for connection between Henry bypass and existing IL 29 if it is cul-de-saced	1
	Notes that making Hart Lane a cul-de-sac would give fire/ambulance only one route to reach houses in the area	1
	Suggests not improving IL29 north of Sparland but going across the river on IL17 and improving IL39	2
	Requests maps showing 2 alternatives that cross Rome West Rd.	1
	Suggests overcompensating those people who would be displaced	1

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PREFERENCE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	NUMBER of COMMENTS
MISCELLANEOUS (continued)	Requests relocating improvements that impact township garage	1 (Senachwine Township Bd.)
	Requests copy of the map showing S-6C at Cedar Hills Drive	1
	Suggests moving the Cloverdale overpass to the north to avoid disrupting front yards of the homes where the wells are located	2
	Requests copies of maps showing Chillicothe Interchange alternatives and bluff alternative	1
	Suggests making existing IL29 through Henry a business route as opposed to making it a cul-de-sac	1
	Requests staying within IDOT right-of-way as much as possible	1
	Requests design at Henry be reconsidered	1
	Suggests moving Whiffle Tree up to the bluff or somewhere with a better setting	1
	Suggests moving Thenius Creek intersection to the north	1
	Does not feel that proposed improvements would have detrimental effect on MAW	1
	Skeptical about wildlife crossing allowances	1
	Comment period noted on the newsletter is misleading	2
	Requests looking into animal detection devices to minimize deer accidents	1
	During construction, access by park users, maintenance and emergency vehicles needs to be provided; would impact ability to conduct smoke burns since proposed alignment is within the smoke management area; original interchange bisecting CAT complex would have least impact on PPD lands	1 (Peoria Park District)
	Widen railroad viaduct to 4-lanes	2
	Requests that light abatement alternatives be researched especially along Chillicothe bypass	1
	Requests information on how wetland on property would be replaced	1
	Requests meeting with IDOT regarding restitution for displacement of farmstead	1
	Requests construction begin at north terminus	2 (Bureau County Highway Dept.)
	Requests construction begin at south terminus	1
	Is median wide enough to accommodate a semi waiting to cross IL29 to get to grain elevator?	1
	Need to consider gas lines at Rome West, American Water on Rome West, a new road at Old Wayne Road, 6900 Line	1
	Skeptical about LaHood taking ownership of some property within proposed project	3
	Supports earlier intersection bisecting CAT complex	1